

## Crime Rate Drops for Second Year in a Row

### Violent Crime Cut by 41%

The Wylie Police Department (WPD) reports that the City's 2009 crime rate per 1,000 population dropped by 4% over 2008. The decrease was led by a reduction in violent crime of 41%.

"Chief Duscio and his officers are to be commended for their outstanding efforts in protecting our community over this past year," says Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue.

"The reduction in the crime rate not only speaks volumes for the men and women of the Wylie Police Department but also says a lot about our citizens," says Wylie Police Chief John Duscio. "More and more citizens are taking an active role in crime prevention by partnering with us."

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system; defined as the number of Part I crimes committed per

1,000 population. Part I crimes are comprised of seven offenses, broken down into two categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; while property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

The crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of Part I crimes reported to the police by the population. In 2009 there were a total 723 Part I crimes reported to Wylie Police. Wylie's estimated 2009 population is 41,461; the result is a Part I crime rate of 17.43 Part I crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents.

"We are aware that statistics are meaningless to victims of crime," says Chief Duscio. "Though the overall drop in violent crime is positive, it does not take away the impact that Jonathan Bird's tragic murder has had on our community, or others that have had the misfortune of being victims of crime."

## Your Mayor & City Council... Ready To Serve



**Eric Hogue**  
Mayor

City Council Meetings  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
6 pm - Council Chambers  
2000 Highway 78 North  
Council@WylieTexas.gov



**M.G. "Red" Byboth**  
Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2



**David Goss**  
Place 1



**Kathy Spillyards**  
Place 3



**Bennie Jones**  
Place 4



**Rick White**  
Place 5



**Carter Porter**  
Place 6

## State of the City

Join Mayor Eric Hogue as he delivers his annual State of the City Address during a special Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**First Baptist Church Events Center**  
200 North Ballard Avenue

Call 972-442-2804 to reserve your seat.





## Fire Safety Blitz

Wylie Fire Rescue (WFR) teamed up with Citizen Emergency Response Team Members (CERT) and student volunteers from Wylie High School to conduct door to door smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector inspections and installations on Saturday, January 30. Safety inspection teams visited 158 homes; installed 37 smoke detectors and 58 carbon monoxide detectors; and replaced batteries in 18 detectors.

The inaugural safety blitz focused on homes built prior to codes requiring the installation of detectors located on First Street, Second Street, and Third Street. During each residential service call, a member of WFR ensures that there are at least two working smoke detectors. If detectors are not working or installed, WFR will install detectors or replace batteries free of charge.

“Each year nearly 3,600 Americans die and 18,600 are injured as a result of residential fires”, says Assistant Fire Chief Noe Flores. “There is time to escape most house fires with an early warning from smoke detectors. They are effective, reliable, and inexpensive.”

The safety blitz was made possible through an \$18,000 grant from FEMA’s 2008 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program. The funding enabled WFR to purchase 500 smoke detectors and 500 carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in Wylie through ongoing safety programs over the next year.

“We consider in home inspections focused on fire prevention as one of the department’s key functions”, says Chief Flores. “In fact we have responded to structure fires where detectors saved the occupants lives only months after we inspected a home and installed detectors.”

Chief Flores says that residents do not have to wait for special programs to have their detectors inspected or new ones installed. He encouraged people to call WFD at 972-429-0771 to schedule an in home safety inspection without delay.

## Wylie Named Top Nine High Growth Area

The Gadberry Group, a firm that provides top retailers demographic and city data, named Wylie as number eight on its list of the top nine most notable high-growth, recession-resistant areas in the United States. This honor will be used by the Wylie Economic Development Corporation in the City’s continual efforts to attract new business and jobs to the area.

## Train Horns to Silence

With the installation of channeling devices complete, quiet zones at twelve crossings (McCreary Road, Springwell Pkwy., Westgate Way, Sanden Blvd., S. Westgate Way, Kirby Street, Marble Street, Oak Street, Brown Street, N. Ballard Ave., Eubanks Lane and Spring Creek Pkwy.) should be enacted in the next two months. The required FM 1378 quiet zone upgrades are part of the road reconstruction currently underway.

## Fun & Learning

### Rita & Truett Smith Public Library

800 Thomas Street

972-442-7566

[www.WylieTexas.gov](http://www.WylieTexas.gov) > Community > Smith Public Library

Hours:	Mon., Tue. & Thur.	Noon - 8 pm
	Wednesday	9 am - 6 pm
	Friday	11 am - 5 pm
	Saturday	9 am - 4 pm
	Sunday	Closed

### All Events Are Free and Open to the Public

#### Fourth Monday Book Club, Feb. 22, 6:30 pm

Adults 18 and up are invited to a book discussion on *Emma* by Jane Austen.

#### Storytime, Every Wednesday

Join us for books, flannel stories, finger plays, songs and crafts.

Big Kids (ages 3-5), 9 am & 11 am

Wee Read (Babies & Toddlers), 10 am

Feb. 24 - Sing Song Storytime

March 3 - TBA

March 10 - TBA

March 17 - TBA

March 24 - TBA

#### BeTween Book & Movie Club, February 25, 6:30 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to talk about their favorite book or movie.

#### GED Classes, March 2, 9, 23 & 30, 5 pm - 8 pm

Cindy Anderson, WISD educator, teaches these free classes to prepare for taking the GED Test. No registration is required.

#### Wagging Tales, March 4, 6:30 pm

Practice reading aloud to Abby the Collie. Tickets are required and will be distributed on a first come first served basis the evening of the program.

#### Library Knits, March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 1 pm - 2 pm

Join the knitting revolution. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn.

#### Teen Library Council Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 5 pm, Grades 6-12

Discuss teen programs and give feedback on the teen collection.

#### Friends of the Library Open House, Thursday, March 11,

Get involved and help support the Library as they prepare to transition to the new 44,000 square foot building.

#### Fourth Monday Book Club, March 22, 6:30 pm

Adults 18 and up are invited to a book discussion on *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave.

#### BeTween Book & Movie Club, March 25, 6:30 pm

4th and 5th graders are invited to discuss *Hotel for Dogs*. Enjoy snacks and watch scenes from the movie. Free books are available for the first 15 kids that sign up!